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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

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Referring to letter of S. J. Lippincott and inquiries therein submitted to Larkin for suggestions pertinent thereto, I have to say, that it would be impossible to give the precise loss by abrasion by handling gold coin in bulk for shipping. But some years ago I experimented on a package of \$5000, Gold coin and found the average percent of loss to be at the rate of Five (5) dollars per million dollars, once handled. A great deal depends upon how coin is handled.

The cost of bags, ^{each,} is about 90 cents. Of bags (small) about 3 cents. We use no boxes for shipping gold. A Keg will accommodate \$125,000 in gold, and pack snugly.

Hon. D. M. Fox }
 Superintendent }

Respectfully
 W. H. B. [Signature]

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Referring to letter of S.T. Lippincott and inquiries therein submitted to Cashier for suggestions pertinent thereto, I have to say, that it would be impossible to give the precise loss by abrasion by handling gold coin in bulk for shipping. But some years ago I experimented on a package of \$5000 Gold coin and found the coinage percent of loss to be at the rate of Five (5) Dollars per million dollars, once handled. A great deal depends upon how coin is handled.

The cost of Kegs <each> is about 90 cents. Of bags (duck) about 3 cents. We use no boxes for shipping gold. A Keg will accommodate \$125,000 in gold, and pack snugly.

Respectfully,
M.H. Cobb
Cash.

Hon. D.M. Fox, Superintendent